

INDUSTRIAL FUTURE OF WESTERN CANADA

Interview With Prof.
Adam Shortt, Now Visiting
in Calgary.

Calgary, July 25.—"There have been some remarkable changes in the last few years and the country is taking the shape of things. The country has also undergone a great change, and it appears that the farming industry has broken up the ranching business and is steadily growing ground," said Prof. Adam Shortt, chairman of the civil service commission, who arrived in the city yesterday.

Prof. Shortt was interviewed by a reporter last night, and when asked as the chairman of the civil service commission, he replied that he was generally called that, but as there were only two members of the commission, he thought it rather amusing.

Speaking of the work performed by the commission so far, he said that a good many appointments had been made, and the first regular annual examinations had been held with gratifying results. A number of special appointments requiring qualifications not covered by the regular examinations.

Mr. Shortt was also asked for his opinion of the progress and future of Western Canada, from an economic point of view, and as he formerly held the chair of political economy at Queen's university in Toronto, he made remarks in reply to this question worthy of note.

Manufacturing in the West.
"Roughly speaking, what I expect, and what is really working out, is that the West will not be merely a region for the production of raw material," he said, "but will be a region in which manufacturing will grow up. The supply of motive power in the West, that is the coal and water, development of oil and gas, and the transmission of electricity, must form the basis of a very varied production, and the attraction of a great population to work the varied industries. This will in turn act on the agricultural country, and in fact is acting on it at the present time by forcing the farmer to go in more for mixed farming and dairying instead of confining his attention to wheat growing, which would in time impoverish the land, whereas by mixed farming he can keep his land in a state of almost continuous fertility. It is necessary that the farmer go in for mixed farming in order that he may supply the population of the rapidly growing towns who are working in

the varied industries that are, gradually coming into the west, and thus, time passing, not economically will show that variety of industry and life which the east has already taken on."

He also pointed out another great advantage of mixed farming, which is straight wheat growing in that it renders available the irrigation facilities offered in dry seasons.

The Real Estate Values.

Although he has not delved deeply into real estate values in Alberta, Mr. Shortt, in discussing the trust lands of British Columbia, said that he wondered if the real estate values there were not being inflated. "There is no doubt but that they will come up to the values now placed upon them in time," he said, "but land in parts of British Columbia is being held at very high rates, judging even by the values of the celebrated Niagara district. The lack of railway facilities and the present population does not seem to guarantee a sufficient market for the fruit right off, and the high values placed on unimproved lands does not seem justified at the present time."

"That still be all right ultimately even without saying, but this economic development must come in its right proportion, and in due order."

The Atlantic Labor.
The labor problem, which Mr. Shortt was much talked of in various places, would in his opinion, adjust itself as time goes on in the same manner as it had done in the east, but at present there seemed to be a lack of unity.

The labor question led up to a question on Atlantic labor in British Columbia.

"British Columbia must be maintained as a section to be pulled by European stock," he said, in reply to this. "This is not because they keep their civilization on their own, but because the two are so radically different that they can not grow up together. Both are European and the Atlantic should keep their civilization on their respective shores of the Pacific. We have to make it clear that our civilization is inferior to ours, then they have to stay in their inferiority, and they have no right to colonize on our territory, as we have to right to colonize on theirs."

Prof. Shortt has made two previous visits to Calgary, one two years ago, and one eight years later. To say that he has noticed many changes since that time would be to state the matter in a very common place way. Last night, however, he made a great deal of the wonderful development of the city since his last visit, and through his stay here he will study local conditions as closely as possible. He plans to visit Edmonton, Regina and also see of man Jim McCreep C. N. R. to Saskatoon, travelling by passenger train to Ottawa.

At noon today he will address the Canadian club on the general economic situation, also international relations, which he says are becoming of more interest to Canadians every day.

TRAGIC DEATH IN SASKATOON.
Edwin Green Fell From Bridge over Saskatchewan River.

Saskatoon, Sask., July 25.—Edwin Green, a popular young hardware clerk, employed by S. A. Clark, met a most tragic death some time Tuesday night last, but it was not until the body was found in the river that the fatality was revealed. About four o'clock Saturday afternoon the R.N.W.M.P. were notified that the body of a man was lying on the rocks underneath the C.N.R. bridge. After immediately proceeding to the spot designated, the constable discovered the bruised, battered and almost unrecognizable remains of young Green. Just when and how the accident occurred or whether there was any foul play is not quite apparent, but opinion seems to favor the former theory.

It would appear that on Thursday evening last, about eleven o'clock, Green left the city for his boarding house, which was with his employer, in the party, in the party, in getting there he had to cross the bridge, and it is believed that he was hit by something which projected from the cars which were shuttling on the bridge and hurled from the side of the car which was immediately underneath a big pile of rocks, which remain as a remnant of the old bridge across the Saskatchewan river, and into the young man was hurled with great force, slinging his head with the result that his skull was crushed open and he instantly met his death.

Whether in the fall or through some other cause, both legs had been broken, the bone in the right leg protruding from the wound, and the young man was in great pain. He was brought dead, almost immediately, and it is not known if the young man ever regained consciousness from the time he was hurled from the bridge.

Young Green was missed at his place of business for a day, but he was thought of the matter, as it was known he had intended starting immediately on his trip to Wilkes, and it was believed he had gone there at that connection.

One day night came and again Saturday, however, and there was no intelligence of young Green. Harold Wilkes, a friend of the deceased, was highly indignant, and he was at once called on by the police, but until a lake boat last night the body was not identified positively as Green. Constable Hubert accompanied a jury late afternoon, and after viewing the body and the scene of the accident, adjourned the jury until tomorrow. Edwin Green was tall, handsome and popular. He came here about two years ago and secured a position as hardware clerk with the S. A. Clark Co. He became popular in many circles, being a fast fencer, hockey and baseball player. His family live at London, Ontario, where his mother, brother and sister reside. The body will be shipped to London.

Local Airship Movements.

Petawawa, Ont., July 24.—Graham Bell's aerobline, "Silver Dart," arrived from Baddeck, Cape Breton, today, and with it came Douglas McCurdy, who operated the airship in its flights at Baddeck. The new aerobline, "June Bug," is not expected to arrive here from Baddeck for several days. It is not expected that Graham Bell will arrive in time to witness the first series of flights, but it is probable he will come to Petawawa to see the "June Bug."

STRATHCONA NEWS

LOCALS.

Rev. J. C. Bowen, Mrs. Bowen and children returned on Saturday afternoon from Gull Lake, where they were spending a few weeks' holiday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bowen's sister, Miss Oliver, North Dakota, who will visit with her father.

The interurban cars were put out of commission for several hours on Saturday evening owing to the electric storm. One of the cars had just reached Wylie avenue and was swarmed by a large number of people when the power suddenly went.

off and many had to defer their proposed visit to Edmonton.

Miss Ruby Fisher of Blain & Co., went to Stony Plain this morning on a few days' visit.

The pulp in Knox Presbyterian church was occupied on Sunday at last evening by the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Miller, who preached two able sermons. Mr. Miller has made very favorable impression and his paragon gives promise of much good to the church.

R. B. Binetti & Co. are now engaged in installing the machinery in their new ash and dust factory on Third avenue north, west end, and, if no unforeseen difficulties arise they will probably be in readiness to resume operations within a month's time. Since the burning of the plant last summer the company have encountered many obstructions in the building of a new factory but the difficulties have been surmounted and the result will be the opening in the near future of a better plant than the one they have yet had.

Contractors W. Dietz & Co. have begun the excavations for the basement of their new city hall which is to be finished this year.

A basket picnic is to be held on Wednesday afternoon, July 25, at Campbell Bros. farm on the Cooking trail.

Thomas Anderson, a well known and much respected old time of Strathcona, where he has large land interests, but is now residing in Regina, died on Thursday celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of his birthday. Mr. Anderson came from Newcastle-Tyne, England, in 1841, and lived for a number of years in Regina before coming West.

With the exception that the effects of a stroke last year still give him trouble with his head, he has good health and looks wonderfully well. He has been found necessary to wear glasses for reading purposes but the past few months he has been able to dispense with them altogether and can now read his own papers without aid.

Many friends and acquaintances will tender him congratulations upon having passed another milestone of his long life.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, of Calgary, have been visiting in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Flinn.

On Tuesday evening the ladies of the City of Strathcona will hold a social on the grounds of H. F. Sanderson, Third avenue north. The first of the social will be an attempt.

H. A. Thompson, of Strathcona, has returned to his home at New Viking, after spending a few days in Strathcona. He states that the crops around Viking are more advanced than those of the Strathcona district.

W. Croft and family have arrived in the city from the Island of Malta, in the Mediterranean, and will make their home in Strathcona. Mr. Croft is a son of J. E. Croft, of Strathcona, and has been engaged for the last seven years as an engineer at the British navy station at Malta.

Finding the tropical heat of Malta injurious to their health Mr. Croft brought his family to the more congenial climate of Alberta.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR CITY GOLF SUPPLY.

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Interest will be charged and if made before December, 1930, only five per cent.

The council decided to let the contract at once for the building of First street to the C.N.R. tracks and other streets will be considered at a next meeting.

A number of the aldermen are in favor of having one of the east end avenues through to Norwood Boulevard. First street to the new city market site on Heinicke street and the streets bounding the present market square.

The radial railway agreement was to be brought up, but it was decided to leave the matter over until next meeting, when a full city council board will be present.

New Plank Walks.
On the report of the commissioner, it was decided to construct the following plank walks:

Four feet on McDougall avenue, west side, from Marjale to South street, 1,500 feet, approximate cost \$45.

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Six feet on McKay avenue, south side, from 12th street to 12th street, 320 feet, approximate cost \$160.
Four feet on Sixth street, east side, from Vermilion to Nelson, 500 feet, approximate cost \$160.
Four feet on Water street, north side, from River street to Ottawa, 100 feet, approximate cost \$45.
Six feet on Second street, east side, from Columbia to Bismillah, 670 feet, approximate cost \$325.
Four feet on Henry street, east side, from Pine avenue to Elm avenue, 600 feet, approximate cost \$160.
Six feet on Sixth street, west side, from Nelson to Churchill, 500 feet, approximate cost \$160.

These walks will be constructed and the necessary curbside built if this report is adopted.

On the recommendation of the commissioners the tender of the Canadian Westinghouse Company for a switchboard for the new power plant was accepted. This is the last contract in connection with this construction.

Prices given were as follows:
Canadian Crockery Wholesale Co., \$5.90
Alfa Chalmers Co., \$5.40
Canadian General Electric, \$5.50
Northern Electric Co., \$5.40
Canadian Westinghouse Co., \$5.00

With the exception of the Canadian Crockery Wholesale Co., these prices are f.o.b. point of shipment.

A letter from the Dominion Bridge Company concerning a factory here was referred to the commissioners.

The request of the Edmonton Iron Works for a spur to their new factory was granted.

The letter of the secretary of the Western Canada Flax Underwriters Association, concerning the reestablishment of the old insurance rates on commercial risks was filed.

The commissioners were given power to act on the application of the Watermen's Association for a hydrant at the corner of Willow and Curry streets, in Norwood.

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